

## **REMARKS**

The enclosed is responsive to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on December 16, 2009. The Examiner has withdrawn the previous restriction requirement (dated June 18, 2009) and, instead, restricted the claims into seven groups. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group V (claim 23), without traverse.

The Examiner requested that the present election include identification of claimed "variables." If the Examiner requires the present election be more specific than the election of Group V, applicants elect the reaction of a Protein-S-Se-Ph with a thiol sugar. If the Examiner requires greater specificity, applicants elect the reaction of SBLCys156-S-Se-Ph with GlcSH. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications drawn to the non-elected claims.

Applicants have added claims 30, 31, and 32, which are dependent upon claim 23. Applicants submit that new claims 30, 31, and 32 provide the specific identification of claimed variables as requested by the Examiner. Support for new claims 30, 31, and 32 is found in the specification as originally filed - e.g., at least in the table on page 35.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3), applicants hereby request and authorize the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to (1) treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time and (2) charge all required fees, including extension of time fees and fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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